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About the most potent reason why populists should refuse to go into the democratic party so far advanced is the fact that an alleged man by the name of W. F. Rightmire, is for it.

The Pullman palace car that has been fitted up to carry Prince Henry around, is to be called the "Idler." A very appropriate name, unwittingly given. A good name for almost any accompaniment of royalty, or officialdom.

Eighteen insurance companies have got their fine hair and dander "rized" and refused to play at the game in Texas, on account of the anti-trust laws of that state. Now if enough other states would do the same way as Texas, perhaps New Jersey's brood would have to go home to roost.

The latest big merger, or combination, of already great concerns, is that of the express companies. According to the press reports, the four largest and principal companies are to be combined into one, on much the same plan as the railroad and steel trust combinations were formed. But let it go on. After all it is well. The faster it goes, the sooner the people will discover that they must eat the hog or be eaten by it.

There is one republican congressman elected from the state of Michigan, as a republican who is not a republican. It must be he is not a republican, for he is against a grab by a big corporation. His name is Corliss and the corporation is one that proposes to build a Pacific cable by the aid of a big subsidy. Rather it proposes that the government shall build the cable and give it to them. Corliss proposes that the government shall build the cable and keep it itself. He is making a good fight too, and has resorted to plans out side the ordinary. He has endeavored to arouse the people, so as to have them bring some pressure to bear on Congress in favor of the government cable.

Explosions of wrath and denunciation at the inhumanity and savage brutality of the British reconcentration camps, are not by any means confined to a few democrats and populists. It is the expression all over the civilized world. Of late the criticisms in the German Reichstag have been particularly frequent and bitter. If these expressions had come from the parliament of some other of the great powers, they would have been viewed with alarm by the British government. But not so with Germany. Through Kaiser Bill Germany is a nephew to Great Britain and everything must be viewed as only a little family spat. Europe belongs to the royal family, and judging from the way our Congress is spending our money for showing Prince Henry a good time, we do too.

If Whitelaw Reid wants to go to the coronation of King Edward and kiss his big toe, no American citizen should object. This however should be coupled with the proviso, that he goes on his own responsibility. If any American citizen wants to make an infernal fool of himself and degrade himself to the level of the scions of the effete families of royal Europe, no other American citizen has a right to object. But he does have a right to object to his using the power and influence of his government to thus make an idiot of him and this is what we object to. If Reid wants to go and kiss and secure an interest in the king's toe jam, let him go and kiss an be "—" but there are mighty few of us respectable people that care to have any interest in it, or be represented in any such way.

The torch of liberty has gone out. This is not wholly figurative. About ten years ago, France, at great expense, as a symbol of her friendship and good wishes, and to further the love of republics for each other, donated a splendid statue, representing "Liberty enlightening the World," which was erected on Bedloe's Island in New York harbor. In the right

hand was a torch, called the torch of Liberty, to light the approach to the harbor. But as love for our old simple forms of government, and our strict morals in national and international affairs have been falling away, our care for the "torch of Liberty" has also been growing less, and now it is stated that it is to be allowed to go out entirely, on account of no appropriations. We have plenty of money with which to entertain princes, and send flunkies to the royal courts, but not a cent to keep the torch of Liberty burning.

Concerning the resubmission question in the next democratic state convention, Grant Harrington of the Hiawatha Democrat, says: "We note however, in one of the daily papers, that the Hon. Bill Sapp, he of the ancient plug hat, is writing letters to his democratic friends trying to get them to agree upon a whiskey plank for the next democratic platform. The Hon. Bill, is quoted as saying that a straight resubmission plank won't do any more, as that would be offensive to a good many former populists but that the Sapp plank means the same thing anyhow. Sapp and his class of democrats should wake up. They are ten or a dozen years behind time. They drive votes away from the democratic party every time they beat their resubmission tom-toms. Resubmission in Kansas has come to mean low down dives and dirty joints. It has come to mean nullification. It couldn't carry a half dozen counties in the state and the sooner the democrats quit playing for this rag tag and bob tail element the sooner it will have an opportunity to carry the state.

There is one marked change discernable in the politics of Kansas from the conditions of a few years ago. To read the republicans papers now one gathers the idea that populists are really very nice people. Sweets are thrown out to them in the effort to dissipate the bitter stuff with which they have been dosed during the past ten years. While it is a vain hope, nevertheless some of them have it, that the populists may be induced to return to the g. o. p. But all this does not mean that there is no more bitterness and meanness in these organs. It only means that they have turned their nozzles in another direction, and are now taking out their meanness and venting their venom on each other. Their papers are full of scandals and charges of boodling. They are calling each other names and proving each other to be filled with scoundrelism. Really if any of them tell the truth, the g. o. p. is not altogether pure. Perhaps if they will vent all their meanness on each other it is the best place they can vent it, but they are not making a very nice place to invite the populists into.

Some of the papers, usually those that are close to the influences of capital, are holding out the most optimistic and rosy colorings of the present industrial conditions and prospects, imaginable. They speak of the feeling that seems to be prevalent among many people of all classes and parties that the present condition of high pressure in commercial and industrial matters cannot last very long. They endeavor to dispel this feeling and arouse a more confident tone. They quote Dunn and Bradstreet and call attention to our European trade, and orders to last our manufacturers a year yet to come. They say that the only reason the people have this apprehension is that in the past panic has succeeded boom. But the fact is that there is a sound economic reason for this having been the case in the past, and the same causes will work the same effects in the future. The people over invest. They become too confident of the future. The fever of speculation surges through their veins and they bank too much on the future. They rush into debt, and credit, too long strained, breaks, and makes a world of misery and woe, where so much joy was expected. If there is any encouraging signs concerning our continued prosperous commercial conditions, it is not because of Dunn and Bradstreet's favorable reports, and the glib talk of these promoters and boomers, but because of this selfsame fear of hard times that is said to be so wide spread. If this is true that the people are suspicious of the future, it will tend to keep them within the bounds of business conservatism.

The State Historical Society held its meeting a few days ago in representative hall at Topeka. There was just one feature which was so much out of the ordinary that it was given much space by the newspaper writers. It was a paper on "In at the Birth and—" by E. C. Manning of Winfield. He is an old timer and understands the present. The latter part of his paper was as follows, and is a vivid picture of present conditions and morals, as well as a fine literary effort: "Man is seen in the vista as in an inverted telescope. The image of God is not discernable. His complexion or race are immaterial. If an atmosphere of hope or sadness, of

aspiration or inspiration envelopes him, it is not recognized." The State is annihilated by federal enactment or judicial construction. The commercial dollar has for its motto "In trusts we trust." The inhabitants of a territory are not citizens of the Union; the land may be sequestered and with the people transferred to a monarch by federal treaty. The individual slave is reproduced in the national subject. The "higher law" is the military law. The opulent beneficiaries of industrial monopolies ease their consciences through the contribution box. The high chairs of personally endowed universities are filled by automatic reflectors. The daughters of aristocracy bleach their hands, harden their hearts and trail their flounces in search of royal escorts. The scions of our judges and statesmen are clamoring for places of rank in the federal army, like the scions of the aristocracy of the anti-bellum South. The nation's temporary guardians are hobnobbing with the monarchies that exiled our forefathers. Our navy will do obeisance to the crowning of King Edward, the Emperor of the Indies. The republics of France and Switzerland are not upon our list of chums. The Depews cross the sea to mate, and conceive a scion in the shadow of a crown. "The flag" is used as a decoy to loot the treasury, baffle justice and bewilder reason. The army is in another hemisphere holding eight millions of an alien people in trust for themselves. And near home "Kansas Day" is devoted to the engineering problem of constructing the shortest route to the public crib."

The Smith Family Improving.

The many friends of Fay Smith will be pleased to learn that he and his family are now getting along very nicely. When Fay was brought home from the hospital, the doctors had given up hope, though his wife still held out that he must get well. About that time their little boy, Harry, was taken down with typhoid pneumonia, and for the past ten days his life has been hanging in the balance. It is thought now however, that the worst is past and that he will recover. At one time, the little girl was down also and quite sick. It has surely been a trying time for them. Mr. Smith is doing so well now that he is able to sit up and hobble around a little. When he was worst the trouble seemed to be a complication from the injuries that affected the kidneys.

Seventy Acres of Potatoes.

John A. Myers, county commissioner, has had from three to six teams at work lately, hauling manure from the old sheep ranch onto his "fater patch." Mr. Myers is preparing to raise potatoes this year on a larger scale than anyone else in this county. He expects to plant from sixty to seventy acres. This would not be such a large field, perhaps, in the Kaw valley, or on some of the ranches in Colorado, but in Reno county where we do not call ourselves potato raisers it is quite an undertaking.

It is an undertaking too that will be watched with considerable interest, for if Mr. Myers makes it a success there will no doubt be many others who will also enter the business later on.

Another Hatch Row.

A boy was sent to tell the police Sunday night that there was a fight going at "Mother Hatches" east of town, and that the two engaged in the fight were Parker and his younger brother, Bum.

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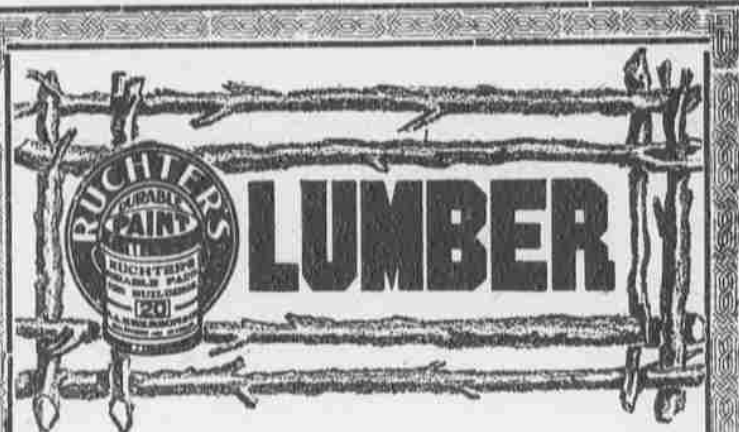
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